

Appl. No. 09/250,056
Amdt. Dated February 12, 2007

REMARKS

The Status of the Claims.

Claims 1, 3-5, 14-15, 34-40, 43-44, and 53-69 are pending with entry of the prior amendment. However, the previous Supplemental Preliminary amendment submitted on December 5, 2006 omitted the status identifiers for claims 35 through 38. These status identifiers are now listed to further clarify the status of the claims. Thus the current listing of claims represents the listing that should have been submitted with the amendment of December 5, 2006. These amendments introduce no new matter and support for the amendment is replete throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. These amendments are made without prejudice and are not to be construed as abandonment of the previously claimed subject matter, or agreement with any objection or rejection of record. Applicants respectfully request entry of these amendments prior to examination of the above-identified application.

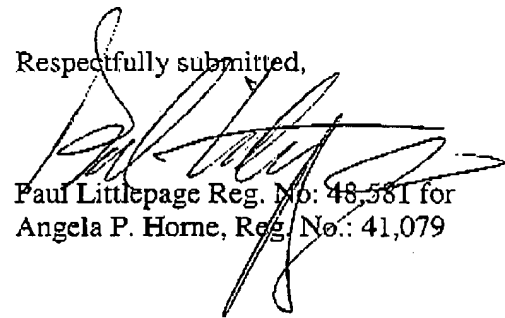
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the current listing of claims be entered. Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the claims are deemed not to be in condition for allowance after consideration of this Response, a telephone interview with the Examiner is hereby requested. Please telephone the undersigned at (510) 337-7871 to schedule an interview.

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- 1) A transmittal sheet;